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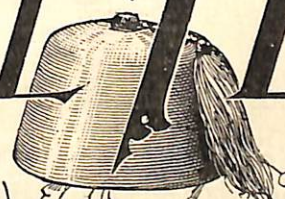

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F. H. LORING, Grand Commander of Iowa, K. T.

OUR GRAND COMMANDER.

We take pleasure in presenting to our readers the portrait of one whose personal acquaintance we have enjoyed for a number of years and whose honorable relations with Masonry most of us know. Sir Francis H. Loring was born in Belpre, Ohio, July 9, 1832, of New England Puritan stock. His residence continued here until 1863, when he answered his country's call and entered the army.

After the war, having married Miss Delia N. Armstrong, they removed to Oskaloosa, Iowa, where they resided until death called Mrs. Loring to rest in August, 1893. In April of 1897 his business relations required his removal to Waterloo where the Grand Commander now resides.

The honors that have come to Sir Knight Loring have been worthily bestowed and are as follows: He was made a Master Mason in 1869, a Royal Arch Mason in 1875 and Knighted in 1879. His relations have been with Tri-Luminar Lodge No. 18, Hiram Chapter No. 6, and De Payens Commandery No. 6. He served as High Priest of his Chapter 1885 and 1886. Commander of his Commandery 1891 and 1892. Grand Treasurer (Grand Lodge) 1889, Grand High Priest (Grand Chapter) 1889. He has served in various positions in the Grand Commandery and was chsoen to the highest place in the gift of his fratres—Grand Commander, July 15, 1897. We bespeak for him a successful and eminent administration, and with a knowledge of his sterling worth and integrity, we are sure that his place among us as "the first among his equals" will be filled with honor to himself and credit to the Order.

AN OPINION.

The position of the Romish church is rarely in accord with *The Trestle Board*; but in a conversation with the Archbishop of San Francisco, to which reference is made in this number, the position of the church is precisely the one we take; viz., that Freemasonery is a religion. We have always claimed Freemasonry to be a pure, true religion, undefiled by creed, and divested of all side issues, which tend to create conflicting sects.— *The Trestle Board.*

COMMANDERIES.

THE GRAND COMMANDERY.

With two grand bodies to report and but limited space we can only give a short account of matters in each case. The usual religious services were held on July 11th, by the Grand Prelate assisted by Rev. Dr. Green and Grace Church Choir. The musical features of this season were the Apollo Mandolin Club of Council Bluffs and the Scenic City Band of Iowa Falls. Two morning drills did much to improve the occasion and should be a regular pre-Conclave feature. The band gave a concert Monday evening, July 12. The Mandolin Club played for a short informal dance in the second gallery of the Dormitory. The Grand Commandery was opened in form Tuesday morning, July 13, at 10 o'clock. All the Grand Officers except G. St. B. Hanks, (sick) were present. Sir N. B. Hyatt was appointed for this Conclave, protem. Sir A. N. Alberson was appointed Grand Sentinel, vice Father Schreiner, deceased. The attendance was larger than any previous year.

The Grand Commander's address was delivered, and those of Iowa who died are P. G. C. Pitkin C. Wright, (1871.) J. Scott Jenkins (1880.) P. D. G. C., Z. C. Luce (1874.) P. G. G. Archie B. Cox, (1888) and Grand Sentinel Schreiner, (1864-97.) Fifty-four fratres from thirty-four Commanderies have died.

The net increase in membership over all losses was ninety. One new Commandery (Fairfield) was instituted. Iowa stands seventh in numerical strength among the Grand Commanderies of the country. The Grand Treasurers report shows receipts, $5,679.42 and expenses $4,878.16 for the year past. Templar Park is in good condition, carefully kept up and insured. The planting of flower beds and tubs with flowering plants by Sir Knights Wingate and Hyatt was worth of thanks. The officers reception on the evening of the first day was a program, addresses and music followed by fireworks.

The resolution to pay four cents per mile to the representative of each Commandery was a popular move and carried. The Grand Officers (except Recorder and Sentinel) go into the same arrangements, mileage but no expenses.

The inspection of Commanderies will be omitted this year. Rose Croix Commandery having lost their charter (by disappearance) a duplicate was ordered.

The fratres and ladies attended the usual reception at Hotel Orleans. The following Grand Officers were elected—Grand Commander, F. H. Loring of Waterloo; Deputy G. C., Geo. W. Bever, of Cedar Rapids; Generalissimo, John H. Pettibone of Burlington; Captain General, D. M. Brownlee of Sioux City; Prelate, Thos. E. Green, Cedar Rapids; S. W., Alexander Peddie, Emmetsburg; J. W., W. H. Norris, Manchester; Treasurer, J. B. Atkins, Council Bluffs; Recorder, Alf Wingate, Des Moines; Standard Bearer, E. Kretchmer, Red Oak; Sword Bearer, Wm. Weldon, Iowa Falls; Warden, J. S. Harlan, Atlantic; Sentinel, A. N. Alberson.

The order of last year for a proper P. G. C's. jewel was modified and a committee appointed to see to the execution of the same.

The revised statutes were laid over for *another* year.

The present of a set of Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, and Grand Commandery Proceedings from Mother Schreiner was accepted with thanks.

Tuesday evening was "Ladies Night" and it was fully as entertaining as ever with "Mother Goose" as the test. The Pelican did full service in every way for the Goose.

The installment of the Grand Officers by P. G. Commanders Parvin, Rothert, and Dewey was a touching feature. The exercises were public. Fairfield Commandery was continued U. D. for another year.

The committee on jurisprudence is A. R. Dewey, D. W. Clements and W. I. Babb; on correspondance, Dr. Cox; as trustee to succeed himself T. R. Ercanbrack; on Trienniel Conclave, F. H. Loring, G. W. Bever, W. F. Cleveland, E. O. Soule and T. B. Lacy.

The piano in use during the session was loaned by P. G. C. James A. Guest of Burlington.

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EXCHANGES.

The new battle-ship Iowa, "The Queen of the Navy" is beautifully pictured and well described in the August *Midland Monthly* (Des Moines). Gen. Lyon and the Fight for Missouri, by Captain Clark, is a fine tribute to the first great martyr to the Union cause. The out door articles in this number are Birds of the Midland Region, second paper, by D. L. Savage, the ornithologist; the Western Meadow Lark, by Ida A. Baker, and A Morning Afield, by Minnie Stichter,—all illustrated. The prize story, The Vagrant of Caser Mine, and a Tragedy of the Plains are western tales that surge with real life. The editor pays timely tribute to John A. Logan. There is an abundance of good poetry in the August *Midland*. To many, not the least interesting reading will be the announcement that, first of all the magazines, the *Midland* will in September profusely illustrate the Yukon Valley Gold Fields of Alaska.

The Keystone, Philadelphia, Pa., comes forward on its thirty-first birthday in new form. A fine new head, and a sixteen page three column pamphlet is more convenient than the old form. Long live *The Keystone*.

Among our exchanges "*The Annuity Advocate*" is the best representative of the benefit society orders. It is the organ of the Grand Fraternity.

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THE ROYAL ARCH.

THE GRAND CHAPTER.

The usual two days school preceded the convocation. Religious services were held on Sunday, July 18.

The Grand Chapter was opened in form at 10 a. m. July 22, 1897. Grand High Priest Max Beehler and all Grand Officers were present.

The address was a well arranged and compact paper—the settlement of slight difficulties and the healing of old wounds between Chapters encroaching upon each other was "good work." The usual reference to "Our Dead"—Father Schreiner and Mrs. Dr. Parvin being especially noticed.

The removal of the Chapter from Clermont to Elgin was approved.

Vigorous measures are to be taken against the use of unauthorized rituals.

The question of separating the Cryptic and Capitular degrees was laid over for another year—then what?

A special committee of three, Wingate, Blackmar and Brownlee was appointed to look up a P. G. H. P's. jewel and report next year. Commanche Chapter being defunct, the matter was referred no a committee to report next year.

An effort to pass an amendment requiring candidates to state their religious affilliations was not concurred in.

Chapter No. 28 was ordered to pay to Chapter No. 61, $100, fees taken by invasion of territory.

Burlington was selected as the place and August 25, 1898 as the time for the next Grand Convocation.

The public installation of the officers took place Friday morning, P. G. H. Ps. Parvin and Dewey acting as installing officers.

One of the evening features was an address of welcome by the Grand Commander (Loring) and a response by the Grand High Priest (Beehler), both to be printed in the proceedings with the program.

Thirty dollars were appropriated for the Apollo Mandolin Club for music during the hours of refreshment.

The Grand Chapter charity fund is in a healthy condition. Three hundred dollars

were appropriated for the benefit of worthy beneficiaries.

The companions were many of them surprised at the facilities of the park and but little doubt exists about their willingness to return in 1899.

The following are the Grand Officers for the coming year:

G. H. P., W. D. Irvine, Sioux City; D. G. H. P., W. F. Cleveland, Harlan; King, B. F. Parker, Dubuque; Scribe, N. B. Hyatt, Webster City; Treasurer, R. F. B. Portman, Decorah; Secretary, Alf Wingate Des Moines; Chaplain, Rev. W. V. Whitten, Chariton; C. of H., T. B. Lacy, Council Bluffs; P. S. E. C. Blackmar, Burlington; R. A. C., H. C. Shadbolt, Emmetsburg; Third V., W. F. Chevalier, Red Oak; Second V., H. W. Masters, Decorah; First V. J. H. Downey, Hawarden; Guard, A. N. Alberson, Washington.

NOTES.

Templar Park is all right.

Wingate and Hyatt should be dubbed knights of the flower garden for their work at the park.

The popularity of Templar Park is assured. It is the finest sight and the coolest place on the Lakes.

The Companions at Esterville are making an effort to start a Chapter. Nearly forty charter members and eight teams in sight is a flourishing outlook.

Promiscous occupation of the dormitory —free of charge—in season, out of season is unfair and unjust—make all put up and restrict the priveleges to those duly entitled.

Why not make a uniform charge of $1 per week for the use of each room for the season, and then give proper janitorial service and some police management. The park is short on both.

The proposition in the mileage amendment—"The shortest traveled route" is usually mistaken by the committees to mean the shortest route—some lines and branches are *not traveled* nor pratical in reaching the place of the Grand body in question. It looks stingy to higgle over the difference of a few miles either way.

The candidates advanced, elected, received and exalted, in the Grand Chapter school were from the chapter at Emmettsbnrg—and of course the work was done under their auspices.

The Council Degrees are again laid over —and so far as we can see are destinued to continue so. "The Secret Vault" is to continue to be opened under the "Arch" in Iowa.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

The Imperial Council proceedings are out.

The membership of the order was 44,291 May 1st, 1897.

This order rejects the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction—so ought all orders.

Let those who think the Shrine is Mohommedan read the opening prayer of the Imperial Council.

The Imperial fees have been raised to $2.50 for each Noble created and the per capita dues to fifteen cents.

Salaam Temple, Olney, Illinois, has been suspended—that hangs up all its members—hold onto the rope!

Unaffiliated Nobles will have to turn in somewhere, as without the Temple certificate they can't visit nor participate *praudially.*

Will the Iowa Temples be crossing the sands this fall? Both are above the one thousand line and stand seventh and ninth in numerical strength.

The charitable offerings of the order for the past year were $25,839.44, an increase of $11,752.14 over the year before. Who says the Shrine is not benevolent?

Recently a triple funeral of San Francisco firemen was arranged for in St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church. When the cortege reached the church, the body of one, who was a Mason was excluded, while the others were taken inside. While this is a disgrace to the Romish Church—there are Protestant Churches just as full of bigotry, and the Fraternities should give them the "absent treatment" every time. Such conduct is a travesty on religion and savors of the dark ages in New England and Europe.

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Council Bluffs, June 7, 1898.

A. R. DEWEY,	Washington	GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids	Grand Secretary

Nebraska, Lincoln, June 16, 1897.

HENRY H. WILSON	Lincoln	GRAND MASTER
Wm. R. Bowen	Omaha	Grand Secretary

South Dakota, Mitchell, June 8, 1897.

JAMES LEWIS	Canton	GRAND MASTER
Geo. A. Pettigrew	Flandreau	Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.

General Grand (U. S.) Baltimore, Md., Oct. 12, 1897.
Iowa, Grand, Burlington, August 25th, 1898.

W. D. IRVINE	Sioux City	GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate	Des Moines	Grand Secretary

Nebraska, Omaha, Dec. 17, 1897.

		GRAND HIGH PRIEST
George J. Spohn		Grand Secretary

South Dakota, Mitchell, June 10, 1897.

GEO. V. AYERS	Deadwood	GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Geo. A. Pettigrew.	Flandreau	Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.

Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 1898.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July —, 1898.

F. H. LORING,	Waterloo	GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate	Des Moines	Grand Recorder

Nebraska, Lincoln, April 29, 1897.

		GRAND COMMANDER
Wm. R. Bowen	Omaha	Grand Recorder

South Dakota, Mitchell, June 11, 1897.

J. J. CASSELMAN	Huron	GRAND COMMANDER
Geo. A. Pettigrew	Flandreau	Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.

General Grand (U. S.,) 1898.
Iowa, Ottumwa, Oct. 27, 1897.

MRS. DELIA B. MEREDITH	Newton	GRAND MATRON
John Westley Geiger	Marion	Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson	Council Bluffs	Grand Recorder

Nebraska, Omaha, June 22, 1897.

MRS. HELEN H. STIRES	Columbus	GRAND MATRON
Rev. A. G. Pinkham	Grand Island	Grand Patron
Dr. Eleanor Dailey	Omaha	Grand Secretary

South Dakota, Sioux Falls, May 25, 1897.

MRS. W. H. RODDLE	Brookings	GRAND MATRON
M. G. Carlisle	De Smet	Grand Patron
Mrs. A. M. McCallister	Madison	Grand Secretary

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

Imperial Council, Dallas, Texas, June 14, 1898.
El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

AUSTIN D. BROWN	Manchester	POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger	Marion	Recorder

Kaaba Temple, Davenport, Iowa.

GEO. F. WHITE	Davenport	POTENTATE
C. J. Brown	Davenport	Recorder

Tangier Temple, Omaha, Nebraska.

H. HARDY	Omaha	POTENTATE
Louis E. Wettling	Box 523, Omaha	Recorder

Sesostris Temple, Lincoln, Nebraska.

DEF. E GREEN	Lincoln	POTENTATE
Jno. A. Ames	(Box 1440) Lincoln	Recorder

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A. B. KITTEREDGE	Sioux Falls	POTENTATE
Eugene Saenger	Sioux Falls	Recorder

THE EASTERN STAR.

The new Chapter at Milford is reported to be flourishing finely.

Ottumwa is looking forward to a delightful time, with the "Stars" shining in every quarter of their city.

As the fall time approaches the Chapters should prepare for some literary or entertainment course for the fall and winter.

Soon the time for Grand Chapter will be here. Chapters should aim to present as full share of work as the cause deserves at that time.

Julien Chapter, No. 25, Dubuque, gave a picnic at Ainsworth's Springs on July 17. They went by "the river route" on the "Teal." The time was taken up with the usual diversions of such outings.

Mrs. J. D. Calehan, first W. M. of Julien Chapter and Mrs. Mrs. Mary Trenck, P. W. M. have presented a 300 piece dinner set of fancy ware to their Chapter This was done in appreciation of the high honors conferred upon them in the past. The present Matron is Mrs. Annie Cooley and she accepted the gift in a neat speech. Festal features followed.

BOONE, IOWA, JUNE 26TH, '97.

BRO. GEIGER,

DEAR SIR:

Maji Chapter, O. E. S. of Boone Iowa, held a special meeting Wednesday evening June 23d, an invitation having been extended to the Chapters at Ames and Madrid. Madrid Chapter could not be present, because of the death of one of its members. About forty-five from Ames Chapter came up. Maji Chapter opened in regular form, the grand march being given with the assistance of the music of the piano. The

floral work was given in a very impressive and beautiful manner, after which a program had been prepared. A welcome address by both Worthy Matron, Sister Crook, and by Bro. Chas. Tucker, Worthy Patron, protem. Sister Eva Stevenson gave a solo; recitation by Sister Grace Tucker; violin solo by Bessie Anderson; piano solo by Sister Berl; recitation by Sister Luella M. Ballou; solo by Mable Wilson and music by Mandolin Club.

The tables were spread in the dining room of the Masonic Temple, and the large gathering sat down in peace and harmony to an elegant banquet prepared by the sisters of Maji Chapter. The tables were beautifully decorated with roses and china, and while they all feasted together the mandolin club rendered music of exquisite sweetness.

Many were the toasts given at the tables, recitations by Sisters Stevenson and Ballou were well received. Bro. Major Lincoln of Ames gave a very able talk which all enjoyed. Short speeches from Sister Byer and others from Ames, also from Sister Rowena Stevens of Boone. A right royal good time was had by all, wishing all our Masonic brothers and sisters would join the O. E. S., so that they too, could participate.

YOU KNOW.

THE SCOTTISH RITE.

The Supreme Council S. M. J. will meet in Washington City October 18th, 1897.

The Consistorial bodies at Lyons and Des Moines, Iowa, are in a flourishing condition—Davenport is young but promising, while Cedar Rapids has long been held back, first by county jurisdiction and second by lack of sufficient quarters. We expect a revival in all this fall and winter.

The fee for the 33d degree in the Southern Jurisdiction is $150 instead of $180 as we stated in our May issue. We hope no one has been misled. The fees for the Scottish right in the Southern Jurisdiction are higher than in the Northern, and should be equal. They are from the 4th degree to the 33d inclusive, $200 in the Northern and $330 in California. This will account for the greater growth of the Rite in the Northern. The disparity is still greater in the matter of annual dues. —*Trestle Board.*

GENERAL MASONIC.

The Grand Lodge of England gave about $40,000 to various institutions in honor of the sixtieth anniversary of the Queen's reign.

THE NON-AFFILIATE.

The discussion of this class of Freemasons still goes on, and cannot help but produce results. Where the non-affiliation is compelled by rejection, the Brother should have rights accorded htm by some well defined means. The example of yonnger fraternities may well attract Masonic attention. The Ancient and Honorable Institution has some land-marks that are liable to destroy the much boasted "Progressive Science" theory. Why not have the "Universality" made a fact in practice as well as name.

SIMPLE FAIRNESS.

We have often been drawn to chronicle our opinion that the advancement of a brother to office does not confer any extraordinary powers upon him, not provided for in the laws. We mean that the injection of his personal opinion and individuality, into its records and the domination of its legislation is not either right nor fair. No man, more especially a brother Mason should deal unfairly by another simply because he has the advantage of the public ear; yet, alas, how often this is done. Simple fairness would dictate another course we should think and hence we so say.

THE HEBREW.

Once in a while we catch glimpses of the narrowness that characterizes the nations that hate the Jews, in the conduct of those who should be above it. Many of the most eminent men in Masonry were and are of this religion. The venerable Jacob Norton, of Boston, a writer of world-wide fame in Masonic literature was a Jew, and we might write at length upon the list of noble Hebrews whom we Christians often misuse because of their religion. The Creed of Masonry—"The fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man" is, or ought to broad enough to cover the seed of Abraham.

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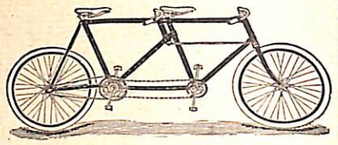

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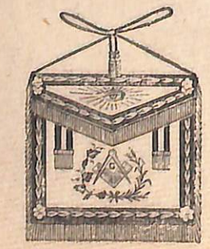

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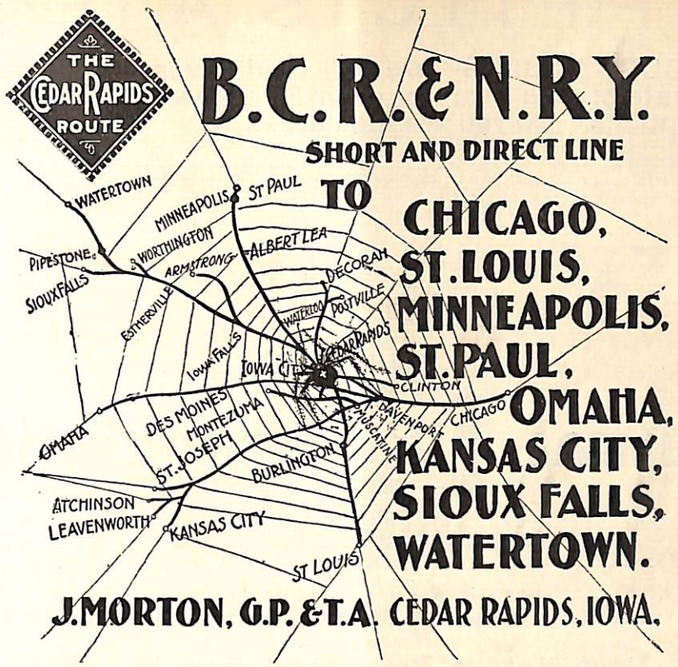

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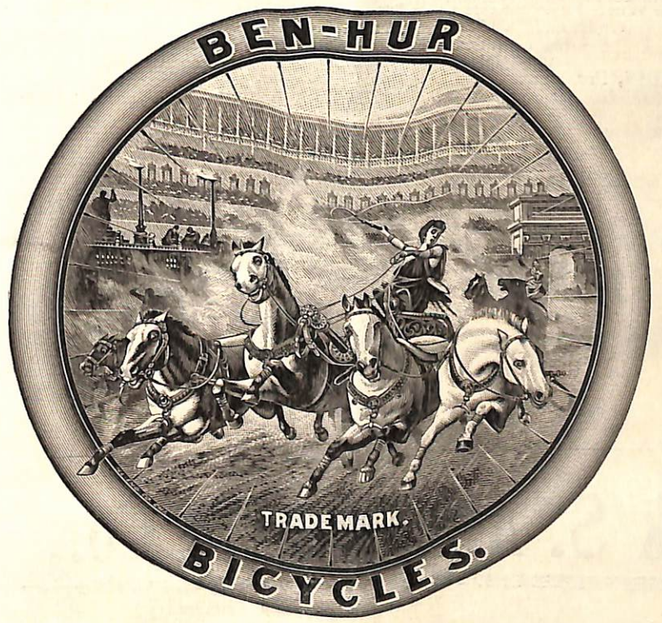

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